

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 2, 2001

Committee
Report No.

01-204

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on October 16, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-271, from the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, relating to the matter of economic recovery actions. In light of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States and the effect on the economic well being of our State and County, the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee recognized that economic recovery actions might need to be taken in an expeditious manner.

Your Committee notes that while considering the disposition of County Communication No. 01-271 at its meeting of October 4, 2001, the Council revised the communication to also include referral of the matter of recent health-related concerns facing Maui County.

Your Committee notes that it previously reported on this matter through Committee Report No. 01-203, which recommended that a revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS" pass first reading and be ordered to print. The purpose of the revised proposed bill was to identify \$1,500,000 in Public Service Company Tax revenues and to appropriate the same amount to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for MEO, Inc. - Hawaii Emergency Laulima Partnership (HELP).

Your Committee further notes that in Committee Report No. 01-203, your Committee expressed the need to expedite the approval of the proposed bill, and requested that the Council Chair schedule a Special Council meeting to enable the bill be passed on second and final reading prior to the program's implementation scheduled for November 5, 2001.

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Your Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated October 9, 2001, from the Council Chair, transmitting a letter dated October 2, 2001, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, attaching a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO RESIDENTIAL REFUSE DISPOSAL FEES AT COUNTY LANDFILLS". Also attached to the Council Chair's correspondence is a supplemental letter dated October 8, 2001, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, relating to the amendment of free-day provisions at the Hana Landfill.

The purpose of the proposed bill is to allow the Director of Public Works and Waste Management to waive Residential Refuse Disposal Fees at County landfills when deemed necessary to meet a public emergency threatening life, health or property.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Deputy Director of Public Works, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Budget Director informed your Committee that because of the dengue fever health-related issue, the County had suspended landfill charges at the request of the Department of Health in order to encourage individuals to clean up refuse in their areas in order to combat the spread of dengue fever. In addition, she stated that the revenue impact would be minimal.

The Deputy Director of Public Works and Waste Management informed your Committee that the number of self-haulers had increased. He stated that the Administration has been coordinating clean-up efforts with the Community Work Day volunteers. In the Hana area, he indicated that 2,000 old tires had been collected and about 400 were collected in Haiku. In addition, the Deputy Director informed your Committee that there would be additional pick ups of large items. He stated that it is important to continue a systematic clean up throughout Maui County.

Your Committee requested that the Administration consider extending the fee waiver to commercial haulers, if the commercial haulers are assisting the County in the general clean up to combat the spread of dengue fever.

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After further discussion, your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that Bill No. _____ (2001), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO RESIDENTIAL REFUSE DISPOSAL FEES AT COUNTY LANDFILLS", PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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